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JOHN TASH DIRECT ANCESTORS

John, Jacob and Henry Tash (brothers) came from Rowen County, North Carolina with a covered wagon train in the year 1814. John and Jacob settled two sections of land in Polk Township, Washington County, a part of which is now the town of Pekin, Indiana. Jacob had farm where the Markland sisters live now. He was a Primitive Baptist minister. Henry (supposedly) settled near Greenville, Indiana.

John and Sarah (Stanley) Tash were married in North Carolina.

John Tash I was born in Rowen County, North Carolina, November 3, 1781.

Sarah Stanley Tash was born in Rowen County, North Carolina, October 4, 1788. Ten children came to bless their home.

Samuel Tash born in North Carolina, November 25, 1806.
Catherine Tash was born in North Carolina, October 27, 1810.
Joseph Tash was born in North Carolina, March 2, 1812.
Andrew Tash was born in Indiana, May 3, 1814.
Lewis Tash was born in Indiana, April 3, 1816.
Telitha Tash was born in Indiana, March 11, 1819.
John Tash II was born in Indiana, October 30, 1821.
Christian Tash was born in Indiana, May 18, 1824.
Sarah Tash was born in Indiana, April 23, 1826.
Malinda Tash was born in Indiana, January 22, 1831.

Marriages:

Samuel married Margaret Teague, February 18, 1825.
Catherine married Joseph Souders August 13, 1828.
Joseph never married.
Andrew married Barbara Morris
Lewis married Catherine Elrod
Telitha married Aquilla Teague
John II married Anna Bixler
Christian, Sr. married Matilda Walker
Sarah married Samuel Baker
Malinda married Wade Graves

Deaths:

John Tash I died 1832, buried in Elm Cemetery (Primitive Baptist - no church there at present).
Sarah Stanley Tash, wife, died August 16, 1875, buried in Tash Cemetery north of Pekin.
Samuel Tash supposedly buried in Elm Cemetery.
Catherine Tash Souders died in 1810, buried in Mt. Pleasant M.E. Cemetery.
Joseph Tash died in 1887, buried in Tash Cemetery.
Andrew Tash died 1877, buried in Tash Cemetery. (at age 63)
Lewis Tash died in 1878, buried in Tash Cemetery. (at age 62)
Telitha Tash Teague was buried in Old Hebron Cemetery near County Farm.
John Tash II died March 20, 1892, buried at Mt. Washington Cemetery.

Deaths, cont'd.

Christian Tash died 1892, buried at Mt. Washington Cemetery.
Sarah Tash Baker died 1854, buried in Tash Cemetery.
Malinda Tash Graves died in 1913, buried in Tash Cemetery.

John Tash II, a member of Christian Church of Old Pekin, married to Anna Bixler, daughter of Christopher Bixler on November 9, 1847. She was born September 19, 1822.

John Tash I, who owned 320 acres of improved land, gave land to John Tash II located as follows: E. half of N.W. Section 19; W. half of N.W. Section 19. They erected buildings and lived on this land until they died. They built a log house first. The house that John Tash II built in 1866 is the present house. They were blessed with four children:

Emily Jane Tash was born October 9, 1848.
Francis Marion Tash was born March 7, 1850.
Sarah Elizabeth Tash was born June 23, 1853.
Mary Ellen Tash was born June 21, 1856.

Anna Bixler Tash, first wife of John Tash II, died August 16, 1858; buried at Mt. Washington Cemetery.

John Tash II married October 9, 1871 a second wife, Lizzie Buchannan Tash, born March 15, 1836 near Charlestown, Indiana. To this union one daughter was born. Lizzie was relation to James Buchannan, President of U.S. The daughter was Bertha Melvina Tash, born May 16, 1877, near Pekin on this farm.

Lizzie Buchannan Tash died June 1, 1877, buried at Mt. Washington.

John Tash II married a third wife, Jane Hamilton from near Kossuth, Indiana, Washington County. She was born February 11, 1837.

John Tash II died March 20, 1893; buried at Mt. Washington Cemetery.

Jane Hamilton Tash died April 4, 1900 and was buried north of Kossuth.

Sarah Elizabeth Tash died December 4, 1864.

Marriages:

Emily Jane Tash married Jasper Thompson, January 25, 1872.
Marion Francis Tash married Lucy Ann Baylor, February 19, 1874.
Marion Francis Tash married (second) Laura Ellen Rodman, December 1, 1881.
Mary Ellen Tash married James A. Packwood, May 13, 1883.
Bertha Melvina Tash married William Leonard, June, 1893.

Emily Jane Tash married Jasper Thompson January 25, 1872. Jasper's father gave them land about one mile south of Tampico, Indiana. They erected a house, barn and other buildings. Later Emily's father, John Tash II, gave Emily money to purchase sixty (60) acres of land adjoining their farm. They had no children. They lived and died on this farm. Jasper Thompson was born May 7, 1848 and died October 5, 1922. Emily Jane Tash Thompson, his wife, died July 15, 1920. They were buried about two miles south of Tampico in Russell Cemetery.

Francis Marion Tash married Lucy Ann Baylor, February 19, 1874, near Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana. Two daughters were born to this union:

Etta May Tash born November 26, 1875; died October 2, 1893.
Anna Catherine Tash born April 23, 1880. died Nov. 17, 1943

Francis Marion Tash and Lucy Ann Baylor Tash went to housekeeping in the John Tash I original log house and lived there until 1878. John Tash II bought land with buildings on it adjoining the John Tash II farm on south, which at that time was a part of the town of Pekin, Indiana. Francis Marion Tash and Lucy Ann Baylor Tash moved on this farm. Lucy Ann Baylor Tash died September 3, 1880.

Francis Marion Tash married a second wife, Laura Ellen Rodman, December 1, 1881. Laura Ellen Rodman Tash was born November 25, 1851 and died August 28, 1935. To this union two children were born:

Mary Emily Tash was born June 16, 1885 at Pekin. She died December 22, 1960 and is buried in Blue River Baptist Cemetery.
John Jasper Tash III born June 3, 1891, at Pekin, Indiana

Francis Marion Tash died December 20, 1924, buried in Mt. Washington Cemetery.
Laura Ellen Rodman Tash died August 28, 1935, buried in Mt. Washington.

Marriages:

Anna Catherine Tash Bellows married Edgar Bellows February 27, 1898.
Mary Emily Tash married Edwin Rodman November 29, 1903.
John Jasper Tash III married Mattie Frances Davis, December 21, 1919.

Edgar Bellows and Anna Cahterine Tash Bellows were the parents of one son, Lloyd Arville Bellows born May 30, 1901 in Salem, Indiana.

Edgar Bellows went to work for the Monon Railroad as a locomotive fireman in 1902; was promoted to locomotive engineer in 1904. Edgar Bellows and Anna Catherine Tash Bellows moved from Salem to Lafayette, Indiana, in 1903. Edgar Bellows was born November 11, 1876 near Borden; died September 13, 1938 in Lafayette and buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Lafayette.

Anna Catherine Tash Bellows moved back to Salem in June, 1948. Died in Washington Co. Hospital on Nov. 27, 1963. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery Lafayette, Ind.

Lloyd Arville Bellows attended public school in Lafayette and graduated from Purdue University in 1922 as a chemical engineer.

Lloyd Arville Bellows married Dorothy Bernice Culver May 17, 1925 in Lafayette, Indiana.

A daughter Jean Marie Bellows, was born to Lloyd Bellows and Dorothy Culver Bellows on February 12, 1928.

Lloyd and wife lived in Chicago area for many years, moving from Downers Grove, Illinois (suburb of Chicago) to Columbus, Ohio in May, 1958. Lloyd is a supervisor for the Western Electric Company. Dorothy Culver Bellows did secretarial work.

Jean Marie Bellows married Dean Wyllie Barber in Downers Grove, Illinois, May 23, 1948. Two children were born to this union:

Linda Sue Barber, born April 18, 1949.
Thomas Dean Barber, born April 23, 1950.

Jean Marie Bellows Barber and Dean Barber lived in Downers Grove, Illinois until 1960 when they moved to Cave Creek, Arizona. Dean Wyllie Barber was born on May 5, 1923.

Mary Emily Tash and Edwin Grant Rodman were married and the parents of two children:

Edna Gale Rodman, born August 19, 1911.
Ivan Kent Rodman, born November 14, 1921.

Mary Emily Tash Rodman and Edwin Grant Rodman lived in and around Pekin, Washington County, Indiana. They lived their last years on the old John Tash II farm. Edwin was born March 19,,1885 and died November 20, 1945; buried in the Blue River Baptist Cemetery.

Edna Gale Rodman and Ernest Elliott were married September 2, 1939 at Uniontown, near Brownstown, Jackson County, Indiana. Edna Gale teaches in the Franklin Township schools at present time. Ernest Elliott was born December 2, 1912. Edna Gale Rodman Elliott and Ernest live east of Salem on the old Frank Elliott farm (Ernest's grandfathers). Their children are:

Mary Ann Elliott, born July 3, 1940.
James Ernest Elliott, born June 16, 1942. Spent a time in National Guard service in 1960 - 61.
Marsha Gale Elliott, born May 13, 1951

Marriages:

Mary Ann married Donald Naugle November 24, 1957. Don was born March 13, 1935.

Mary Ann Elliott Naugle and Donald Naugle are the parents of Byron Dean Naugle, born September 30, 1958 and, Julia Dawn born Dec. 9, 1962
James Elliott married Judy May Daily Nov. 28, 1962
Their child Judy Francis Elliott B. July 9. 1943
& Jerry Lynn Elliott July 3, 1964

Ivan Kent Rodman and Mary Lilly were married September 30, 1948 in New Albany, Indiana. Mary Lilly Rodman was born August 6, 1916. Kent Rodman is employed in Louisville. Their children:

A son died.
Karen Sue Rodman, born November 30, 1952.
Alen Kent Rodman, born September 18, 1959.

Ivan Kent Rodman and Mary Lilly Rodman live near New Albany, Indiana. Ivan Kent served in World War II and was in service in Korea.

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John Jasper Tash III married Mattie Frances Davis, December 21, 1919. Mattie Frances Davis Tash was born October 22, 1892, near Fredricksburg, Indiana. Mattie Davis Tash and John J. Tash III both attended Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, and both taught school for a time. John J. Tash III was in Service for a time during World War I.

Their children:

John Jasper Tash IV born January 18, 1922 at Old Pekin, Indiana.
Mary Louise Tash born March 9, 1924 at Old Pekin.

John Tash III and wife Mattie Davis Tash live on and own the Francis Marion Tash farm of which several acres in section 19 belonged to John Tash I and was settled in 1814. He is a farmer.

John Tash IV never married. He farms with his father.

Mary Louise Tash married Richard Lloyd Thompson April 20, 1950, in South Bend, Indiana. Richard Lloyd Thompson was born April 29, 1928.

Their children:

David Michael Thompson , born January 12, 1951.
William John Thompson, born July 16, 1959.

Mary Louise Tash Thompson is an athletic director in a South Bend Elementary school at the present time where they reside. She graduated from Hanover College.

Mary Ellen Tash Packwood was born June 21, 1856, on the old farm in log cabin on a knoll on the River Road, a part of which is east New Pekin where John Tash I settled. She was the daughter of John Tash II and Anna Bixler Tash. She was married to James Andrew Packwood of Borden on May 13, 1883.

James Andrew Packwood was born October 15, 1859, and died September 6, 1906. They lived on a farm near the "County Home" which was given to Mary Ellen by her father. They moved there in 1886. In 1894 they bought a farm two miles east of Salem on the Charlestown Road which is now State Road 160. They lived there until they passed away. They are both buried in the Mount Washington Cemetery southwest of Pekin. Mary Ellen Tash Packwood died July 6, 1928.

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Mary Ellen Tash Packwood's grandfather was Christopher Bixler, who laid out the Pekin Plat. Christoper married a Heistand.

James Andrew Packwood was one of Christopher Packwood's 10 children.

Christopher Packwood's mother was Catherine Morris Packwood. Christopher Packwood married Margaret Lane Packwood. Margaret's father's name was James Lane and her mother was Tow.

James Andrew Packwood and Mary Ellen Tash Packwood both held their membership at Christian church at Pekin and later at Canton. Still later Mary Ellen held her membership at Christian Church at Salem. The Children of James Andrew Packwood and Mary Ellen Tash Packwood were as follows:

Arra May Packwood, born February 3, 1885, and died March 6, 1885.
Edward Marion Packwood born August 14, 1886, died March 20, 1902.
John Tash Packwood born June 8, 1889, died December 14, 1955 in the Washington County Memorial Hospital, buried in Crown Hill, Salem, Indiana.

John Tash Packwood graduated from Salem High School in 1908 and helped his mother farm.

John Tash Packwood married Myrtle Ethel Mahuron August 20, 1913, in the Walter A. Mahuron Home south of South Boston. Myrtle Ethel Mahuron was born June 30, 1890, graduated from Salem High School in 1912, attended Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, and taught school for a time. John Packwood sold the farm near the "County Home" in 1943, and The Packwood home two miles east of town in 1944 and moved to 304 North Harrison Street, Salem, Indiana.

Their children:

Mary Kathryn Packwood, born on the Packwood Farm 2 miles east of Salem, June 12, 1915.
Esther May Packwood, born on the Packwood Farm 2 miles east of Salem, May 26, 1924.

Marriages:

Mary Kathryn Packwood married Orville Ray Partlow October 25, 1941 at Bloomington, Indiana
Esther May Packwood married William Palmer Dugger June 14, 1947 at Bloomington, Indiana.

Mary Kathryn Packwood graduated from Salem High School in 1934, took one year post-graduate study, graduated from Indiana University in 1940, taught school for 3 years and is teaching now in Hobart, Indiana. (1959-1962)

Orville Ray Partlow was born in Hartford City, Indiana, October 1, 1913, graduated from Hartford City High School, graduated from Indiana University in 1941. He was in the Service in the states in World War II and was made a captain in the Army. He served four years in the Navy before he entered Indiana University. He received his Masters degree at Ball State Teacher's College at Muncie, Indiana, graduated from University of Louisville, Ky. Law School in 1951, and was admitted to the bar June 3, 1952. He is adjuster for Allstate Insurance Company. He was admitted to Indiana Supreme Court June 3, 1952, admitted to United States Supreme Court August 30, 1960, along with admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in special session August 30, 1960, American Bar Association 83rd Annual Meeting in Washington, D. C.

Mary Kathryn Packwood Partlow and Orville Ray Partlow are the parents of two sons:

Donald Lee Partlow, born November 25, 1943, on East Market Street, Salem, Indiana.
Robert Alan Partlow, born April 6, 1948, in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, Indiana.

Esther May Packwood graduated from Salem High School in May, 1942, worked as secretary at Camp Atterbury, Indiana for two years, worked at Indiana University as secretary in summers will going to school, graduated from Indiana Universiity in June, 1948.

She married William Dugger June 14, 1947. William Dugger was born December 25, 1920, in Dugger, Indiana, where his ancestors settled the town of Dugger. He was in service in the states in World War II and was stationed at Camp Atterbury. He graduated from high school in Franklin, Indiana, and attended Franklin College for two years and graduated from Indiana University May 10, 1942. He is Assistant Purchasing Agent for Indiana University.

Esther May Packwood Dugger and William Palmer Dugger have two children:

Elizabeth Louise (Betty Lou) Dugger, born February 8, 1950, Bloomington Hospital, Bloomington, Indiana
John Reid Dugger, born September 16, 1952, Bloomington Hospital, Bloomington, Indiana.

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Bertha Melvina Tash was born May 16, 1877, to John Tash II and Lizzie Buchanan Tash. Bertha Melvina Tash married William D. Leonard June 15, 1893, at Salem, Indiana, and died in August 1942. William Leonard was born January 28, 1869, died in January, 1947. Bertha Melvina Tash Leonard and William Leonard lived on farm and later on Old State Road 60. Both are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem, Indiana.

Their children:

Roscoe Raymond Leonard born April 23, 1894, Salem, Indiana.
Jesse Bryan Leonard born February 3, 1898, Salem, Indiana.

Roscoe Raymond Leonard graduated from Salem, High School, attended Conservatory of Music in Louisville and Indianapolis and attended Purdue University. He was Field Secretary for the Society of Mechanical Engineers of New York City and was later changed to Chicago.

Roscoe Raymond Leonard married Vera Hylton Albin December 23, 1916, in Covington, Kentucky, near Cincinnati, Ohio. Vera Hylton Albin Leonard attended the Conservatory of Music, Indianapolis, and there taught music and art. Vera was born in Evansville, Indiana, December 10, 1889. They lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, New York and Chicago. Roscoe R. Leonard died in New York City, December 12, 1935. Vera Hylton Leonard died May 26, 1957 in Salem, Indiana, and they are both buried in Crown Hill, Salem, Indiana.

Their children:

Betty Jane Leonard was born January 23, 1921, New York City.
Robert Albin Leonard was born April 28, 1927, New York City.

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Betty Jane Leonard was married May 31, 1941, to David Keith Armstrong, who was born May 3, 1917 in Enid, Oklahoma. Betty Jane Leonard took Nurses Training. Keith Armstrong graduated from Indiana University and is a personnel director in the Navy.

Their children:

David Keith Armstrong, Jr., born October 5, 1944, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Patricia Ann Armstrong, born February 13, 1946, Kendallville, Indiana.

Robert Albin Leonard married Dovie Marie Dwin Hurt July 20, 1946 in Indianapolis, Indiana (License registered Albion, Indiana). Robert Albin Leonard is a director in Navy Radar Department. Dovie Marie Dwin Hurt Leonard is a musician.

Their children:

Janice Marie Leonard born August 14, 1947, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Robert Bryan Leonard born February 17, 1952, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jesse Bryan Leonard married Lucille Anderson of Highland, Ohio, January 23, 1926 in Covington, Kentucky. Jesse Bryan Leonard graduated from Bowling Green, Kentucky Business College and taught in business colleges for a number of years. Jesse and Lucille owned and operated a photography studio in Salem, Indiana. Jesse Bryan Leonard died at Washington County Hospital March 4, 1958, and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem, Indiana.

Compiled and edited by Anna Catherine Tash Bellows, 1960.

MORGAN'S RAID - JULY 11, 1863

John Tash II and his mother Sarah Stanley Tash lived on the Tash farm east of Pekin , made ready for Morgan's Raid. They hid the hams and meat in a barrel and buried the barrel so that Morgan's men could not find it in their smoke house.

John Tash II had eight horses,and he sent his son, Marion Francis Tash, only twelve years old out in the woods in a flat and a hill on each side to hide them among trees and growth. The son stayed hid with the horses for 24 hours until Morgan's men went on. His father, John Tash II, brought food for Francis Marion Tash and the horses.

Sarah Stanley Tash hid her purse in a brush pile; and after Morgan's men were gone, she had a time trying to find her purse and ridding the house of "the little travelers" as they had come in the house to sleep.

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John Tash I, born November 3, 1781 and his wife Sarah Stanley Tash, born October 4, 1788, came to Indiana from Rowen County, North Carolina in the year 1814, homesteading 160 acres of land in Polk Township, Washington County. Sarah rode the horse and her husband led it with all their belongings tied on the horse. Among these things were: tweezers, irons, one half-gallon stone jar and many other things.

They settled east of Pekin and built log buildings for their residence.

Here on this farm the young couple entered into life in earnest, cleaning the farm for their sustenance. Ten children came to bless them in that day when children were counted among the blessings. These children were raised to man and woman hood on principles of upright citizenship, which training has descended to the future generations of good, upright citizens.

The Tash graveyard was started in 1851 just north of New Pekin. The first body being that of Sarah Tash, a daughter of John Tash I, on this Tash farm. John Tash I died in 1832, leaving his wife, Sarah, with all these little children to manage and meeting obstacles of life which were many in those early days, with great courage finally passing out of this life, after being an invalid for eight years, caused from a broken hip. She passed out of this life August 16, 1875, at the age of 87. Her body was the second body to be laid to rest in the Tash Cemetery.

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OBITUARY OF MARY ELLEN TASH PACKWOOD

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She was bereft of her mother at the early age of two years. Her father remarried, and to the second wife was born a sister, Bertha Melvina, now the wife of William Leonard of Salem. This mother passed away leaving her baby daughter at the tender age of two weeks. To Mary Ellen, then twenty years of age, fell the care and nurture of this tiny sister upon whom she lavished a mother's interest and devotion. Again she was called upon some years later to mother niece, Anna Tash, now the wife of Edward Bellows of Lafayette. Later, it fell to her lot to care for her afflicted grandmother for eight years. Truly, her busy life has been full of the ministrations of love and service to others.

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In addition to her immediate family, she leaves a half-sister, Mrs. Bertha Leonard; two nieces, Mrs. Anna Bellows of Lafayette, and Mrs. Mary Rodman of Pekin, and three nephews, Roscoe Leonard of New York City, Jesse Leonard of Cincinnati, and John Tash of Pekin.

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The latter years of her life were full of physical suffering and illness, but she bore these trials with that same patience and courage which were dominant traits of her character.

Her deeds of charity and loving kindness toward her neighbors in sickness and health continued as long as her own health permitted.

Her house was full of the spirit of hospitality and sweet charity and no stranger was ever turned away from her door hungry and cold.

Surely of the life of such as Mary Packwood, the Wise Man of old has written thus:

"She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands;

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness;

Her children arise up and call her blessed;

And in her tongue is the law of kindness."

Written by Nora Short
(about July 6, 1928)

OLD GRANDMOTHER TASH

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Lived Here From 1815 to 1875

(Taken from Pekin Banner)
(1927)

In the year 1815, John Tash, Sr., and Sarah, his wife, came to Washington County from North Carolina, and settled on the quarter section of land that lays just east of the business district in New Pekin.

At that time this county was a vast forest; settlers were few and far between; deer, bears, panthers, wild cats, wild turkeys and other wild animals were plentiful. There were no roads, no churches, no schools, and no cleared land, only as the pioneers cleared it.

Amid scenes like these, they decided to build them a home. The result was the log house - a house that was so substantial that it withstood the storms of more than 100 years -- but the house was not more substantial than the character of these sturdy pioneers.

The old log house had not been used as a residence since 1875, but as a tool shed for many years, and was torn down in 1927.

John Tash, Sr.,died in 1832, and is buried at the site of the old Elam Church, up Blue River, on the farm now owned by Samuel Lochenour, where you will find his grave surrounded by a stone wall.

Ian children were born to these old pioneers, and most of them were still at home when their father died.

Joseph, the oldest son, lived a bachelor life, and resided just north of Pekin. He died in 1887, at the age of 75 years, and is buried in the Tash Cemetery, on the old homestead.

Andrew Tash married Barbara Morris, and lived where Levi Naugle now lives. He died in 1877 at the age of 63 years, and is buried in the Tash cemetery.

Lewis Tash married Catherine Elrod, and lived in the Elrod neighborhood in Polk township, on a farm still owned by the Benton Tash heirs. He died in 1878 at the age of 62 years, and is buried in the Tash cemetery.

John Tash, Jr., lived all his life on the old Tash homestead, and was married three times. His first wife was Anna Bixler, after her death, he married Lizza Buchanan, after her death he married Jane Hamilton. He died many years ago and is buried in the Mt. Washington Cemetery.

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Christian Tash, Sr., married Matilda Walker, and lived on the farm where Christian Tash, Jr. now lives. He died in 1892, at the age of 69 and is buried at Mt. Washington.

Katie Tash, oldest daughter, married Joseph Souder, and lived near College Hill, where Charley Souder now lives. She lived to a ripe old age, but died many years ago.

Talitha Tash married Aquilla Teague, and lived near Franklin school in Polk township. She died in 1883, aged 64 years, and is buried at the old Hebron Cemetery, near Farabee station.

Sarah Tash married Samuel Baker, and lived on what is now the James Corn farm west of Pekin. She died when 28 years old and was buried in the Tash Cemetery 73 years ago, and it is probable that she was the first one buried there.

Malinda Tash, youngest child of John and Sarah Tash, married Wade Graves, and lived on the Graves farm west of Pekin. She died in 1913 at the age of 82 years, and is buried in the Tash cemetery.

Old Grandmother Tash continued to live at the old Tash Homestead for 60 years until her death in 1875 at the age of 87 years, when she, too, was laid to rest in the Tash Cemetery.

Sixty years ago there was a multitude of young men and women, in this county that were proud to call this grand old woman their Grandmother, but they, too, have been passing until only a few grandchildren remain.

Amanda Combs of Indianapolis, Christian Tash of Pekin,- daughter and son of Christian Tash, Sr.; Mary Packwood and Bertha Leonard of Salem - daughters of John Tash, Jr.; Joseph Graves, Charles and John T. Graves, Miranda Turner - sons and daughter of Malinda Tash Graves are the only grandchildren left, only eight out of the multitude.

Of the great grand children there are more, and when you come to the great-great grandchildren they are still more numberous.

You will be able to find forty or more direct descendants of these pioneers here in this little town today. Joseph Graves is a grandchild; G. M. Johnson is a great grandchild; Alfred Johnson, a great-great grandchild; Edward Johnson a great-great-great grandchild, Frances Johnson, Edward's little daughter, a great-great-great-great grandchild of old Grandmother Tash.

Some other relatives here are D. E. Souder, Mary and Newell Purlee, Addie, Anna and Violet Martin, Lewis Naugle and children, Anna, Edward and son, and Cecil Elrod, Mary Rodman and children, Arthur Graves and sons, Nolie and Helen Weller, Mrs. Will Ferguson, Mrs. Ellis Churchman and Ransom and Gussie Johnson, Clyde Tash, Mrs. Effie Gill.

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In addition to her immediate family, she leaves a half-sister, Mrs. Bertha Leonard; two nieces, Mrs. Anna Bellows of Lafayette, and Mrs. Mary Rodman of Pekin, and three nephews, Roscoe Leonard of New York City, Jesse Leonard of Cincinnati, and John Tash of Pekin.

At an early age she gave her life to Christ at the Christian Church at Pekin during the ministry of Wesley Hartley. Later, she moved her membership to Canton, and then to Salem where she remained a faithful member. To her, the church and its teachings was a living force, and she consistently tried to exemplify the life of the Master in her daily living.

The latter years of her life were full of physical suffering and illness but she bore these trials with that same patience and courage which were dominant traits of her character.

Her deeds of charity and loving kindness toward her neighbors in sickness and health continued as long as her own health permitted.

Her house was full of the spirit of hospitality and sheattycharity and no stranger was ever turned away from her door hungry and cold.

Surely of the life of such as Mary Packwood, the Wise Man of old has written thus_

"She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willinghly with her hands;

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness;

Her children arise up and call her blessed;

And in her tongue is the law of kindness".

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